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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Chief, Finance Division

SUBJECT: TRAVEL REGULATIONS

1. Reference is made to your two memoranda of 13 November; one pertaining to travel allowances on permanent change of station, and the other pertaining to special arrangements for transportation of belongings overseas. Although we feel there is no direct legal problem involved and received these memoranda for information only, perhaps the following observations may be helpful.

2. We believe all the necessary delegations of authority were made in the memo of 6 September from the Director, which authorizes the Executive for P&A, Chief, Personnel Division and his assistant, to approve PCS payment of travel expenses. You will recall that chiefs of mission were given cabled authorization to approve only travel within the theater and not permanent change of station. CIG Administrative Instruction [ ] establishes procedures for obtaining properly authorized PCS orders for vouchered personnel. Similar procedures for unvouchered travel are in the process of being drawn up.

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3. We feel that since the Presidential Regulations required by Public Law 600 will be established on a publication of the Executive Order referred to by you, there is no necessity to issue either of the subject memoranda as CIG Administrative Instructions. It would be sufficient in our opinion merely to bring the details of the Presidential Regulations to the attention of those officials primarily concerned.

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